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Summary:

Everyone's in witness Protection and got separated... He wasn't prepared to say goodbye to any of them, the only way he can make sure that they're still in his life is through text.

Or a series of moments in which Foggy (Dustin) texts his old friends, and they text him.

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It was easier than he thought it would be since Steve was technically old enough to be considered an adult and Dustin knew that Steve had decent sized savings from Mr. Harrington... All it took was a rushed conversation the night after that disaster fiasco at the Starcourt Mall, after each of them had a turn giving a witness statement, and a quick trip to the nearest store that sold phones and boom. The issue of losing contact with each other was solved. Dustin stayed up late with Steve and Robin setting all of the phones up, a quick debate resulted in changing the contact information with nicknames since none of them knew what their new identities were going to be from tomorrow onwards. The idea of going into the Witness Protection Program was- terrifying, really. Dustin didn't want to say goodbye to everyone, especially not now, not when they haven't even had any time to mourn Hopper or explain everything to their families. Yet, he understood why everything was proceeding as fast as it was. This was for their protection, for the protection of their families and friends as well.

Will and El were going with Ms. Byers, Jonathan and Nancy both spent over an hour talking with some officials and agreed it was for the best if they stayed with their respective families. Though he had a feeling that what they really wanted was to leave with each other. It wasn't the first time Dustin saw Jonathan or Nancy cry, but it was the first time he knew that it was a final goodbye between them.

Mike and his family were leaving together, it took almost the entire night to explain what was going on to the Wheelers and then again to the Sinclair's. All the ADA's they signed kept them from telling them the full truth though, as far as they were aware they accidentally came across some bad guys at the mall and called the chief of police for help. Since Ms. Byers was apparently at the festival with Hopper, it made sense that she was at the mall too. Mrs. Wheeler had rushed over to hug Ms. Byers when it was revealed that Hopper died.

Lucas and Erica both started crying at some point, in fact, everyone was crying. Steve and Robin decided that they wanted to be able to stick together, and after it was revealed that because of her health

issues she couldn't go traveling by car or by plane, Dustin wouldn't be able to stay with his mom. For some reason that started an argument between the government representatives and nearly everyone in the parking lot the morning, after they were all told how everything would play out. While the adults were arguing, Dustin found himself surrounded by the Party and Erica.

They were all just as upset, if not more, than the adults about learning that Dustin was entering the witness protection program on his own. Dustin didn't think they would get so upset on his behalf, he couldn't stop himself from tearing up when all the adults, even Steve and Robin tried convincing the guy in charge to let Dustin come with them.

In the end, it didn't matter. Everything was finalized and Dustin was to go move in with a distant cousin on his dad's side, now legally her youngest son. It hurt more than he thought it would to not be able to tell the others where he was going or what name he would now be going by, but that was a rule everyone had to follow. New names, new homes... new lives.

Saying goodbye to his mom was absolutely the worst moment of his life.

The only thing that made it slightly better was getting permission from the guy in charge, Dustin should probably try to figure out what his name is, to still keep in contact with his mom via phone calls. Although the calls could only happen once a week, the day changing each week, and neither of them was allowed to call from their home phones.

Dustin made sure not to mention the eleven cell phones Steve and him bought, instead, they hide them in each official and unofficial Party member's suitcases. Robin was in charge of writing out the instructions and wrapping the paper around each phone before taping it onto the device.

As he was saying, It was easier than he thought it would be to ensure they could all keep in contact with one another.

Today 11:32

Dust-Bunnies added Eclair, N.Drew, Am'erica, Mike&Ike, TheHair, BandQueen, Wizard, SayCheese, FuriousFlame, Eggos to the Chat.

Dust-Bunnies renamed the chat *The Party*

Dust-Bunnies

Hey you guys, it's been almost a week so you should have found the phones by now.

Am'erica

What is wrong with these contacts? Who came up with these?

TheHair

What's wrong with them?

BandQueen

We needed something that we all would be able to use to recognize each other without using our names. I like mine.

Dust-Bunnies

Oh come on, they're creative! Besides, you came up with yours.

Am'erica

Uh-huh, and why exactly do we still have these names? No one's going to be looking through phones they don't know exist.

Am'erica changed Am'erica to **Erica**

Erica changed **Eclair** to **Lucas**

Erica changed **TheHair** to **Steve**

Erica changed **N.Drew** to **Nancy**

Erica changed **Mike&Ike** to **Mike**

Erica changed **BandQueen** to **Robin**

Erica changed **Wizard** to **Will**

Erica changed **SayCheese** to **Jonathan**

Erica changed **FuriousFlame** to **Max**

Erica changed **Eggos** to **Elle**

Dust-Bunnies

If the names are so bad then how did you know who was who?

Dust-Bunnies

Also, it's El not Elle.

Dust-Bunnies changed **Elle** to **El**

Dust-Bunnies changed **Dust-Bunnies** to **Dustin**

Erica

Whatever, nerd.

Steve

How are you doing? You're set up wherever dick-head sent you right?

Erica

Hey dumbass, there's kids in the chat, remember?

Robin

We all know that you've said worse.

Robin

Or at least Steve, Dustin and I know what you said worst.

Robin

Anyway, are you okay Dustin?

Dustin

Yeah. I'm fine. I wasn't allowed to tell you guys but I'm actually with someone I know. So it's not as bad as having to stay with strangers.

Dustin didn't think it would be a good idea to admit that despite knowing that the Nelson's were a part of his family on his dad's side, they were pretty much strangers to him. At least now he knows that some of the phones work, he just needs to hear from the others now to know that all of them work.

He wasn't sure what he'd do if they didn't.